securities generally in order to effect trade ends that have not yet fully developed.

The heavy declines that have taken place in the prices of copper stocks as well as the copper metal in the London market lately are looked upon as part of the general campaign by those who think some great "copper game" is in progress. They say that the Rothschilds, who own the famous Rio Tinto mines of Spain, are work. say that the Rothschilds, who own the famous Rio Tinto mines of Spain, are working in harmony with the Amalgamated interests toward the same end, which is supposedly to obtain among them control of the copper field. The chief independent copper interests which those who hold these views say the right is directed against are the Lake Superior copper interests headed by the Calumet and Hecla mining company and F. Augustus Heinze, who controls the Montana Ore Purchasing Company and who has been conducting seemingly endless litigation over mining titles with the Amalgamated company.

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The smash in Amalgamated stock helped The smash in Amalgamated stock helped yesterday to unsettle the entire list of stocks dealt in on the Stock Exchange, and the publication of a very unfavorable weekly statement of averages by the Associated Banks, showing a cutting in two of surplus reserves, provoked additional selling. Holders of Amalgamated on margin have had to sell other stocks that they held in order to protect that stock. There was a general weakness with declines in leading stocks, ranging from 1 to 3 points. A number of disturbing rumors circulated during the day. disturbing rumors circulated during the day.

One unconfirmed report was to the effect
that a prominent man connected with industrial corporations in the past was in

trouble.

One failure was announced. On the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange Benjamin F. Raynor, a member since June 3, 1898, who has been an active floor trader failed to pay to the Clearing House differences on his sheet amounting to \$6,100. He had been plunging heavily on the long side in Manhattan Elevated stock, upon the prospects of which stock he has always been known as over-enthusiantic. It was said at the Exchange yeshas always been known as over-enthusiastic. It was said at the Exchange yesterday that on Thursday he had profits on paper amounting to \$40,000 or \$50,000 and some of his friends begged him to cash in at least half the amount by selling some of his stock. He did not do so and was caught in Friday's 7 point break. Mr. Raynor made this statement when seen yesterday:

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"No one will lose a dollar. I will be able to fix things up within a month. That break in Manhattan caused the trouble. The amount I owe is about \$7,000."

The following stocks were sold under the rule for his account—on his sheet— 1,700 shares Manhattan, 300 Missouri Pa-cific, 200 St. Paul, 100 Amalgamated Copper. In loans—420 shares Manhattan, 200 St. Paul, 200 Missouri, 100 Amalgamated Cop-per, 100 Teanessee Coal and Iron.

LOSING MONEY "IN CHUNKS." So Lawson Says of Himself - Declares, However, That Wall Street Won't Get Him.

BOSTON, Dec. 7 .- The close of another week in the stock market finds the speculators and small investors in Boston's favorite coppers in a quandary. On the one hand, they hear all sorts of reports about Amalgamated, such as the decrease in the price of copper, overproduction of the metal, civil suits in the Western courts, the expressed intention of several foreign capitalists to fight the American copper trust, and almost everything that would naturally tend to cause them to lose faith in the corporation. On the other hand, they are informed by Thomas W. Lawson and others, that the cause of the drop in the price of Amalgamated is the formation of a clique of Wall Street operators to "gun out" the small holdings of the stock for their own selfish purposes and that the best thing to do now is to sit tight until the storm is over when t'e stock will bound back to its normal price.

The financial storm circles around Lawson, the originator of copper speculation, the heaviest owner of Trinity stock, and according to his own words, the holder of over 140,000 shares of Amalgamated. That Mr. Lawson is hard pressed is not denied by himself. He admits that he is losing money fast, but asserts confidently that no clique of Wall Street men can down him this time. He says the drop in the price of Trinity is due to his inability to come to the aid of his pet mine because of the necessity of defending his Amalgamated holdings. Had it not been for the weakness in the latter. Mr. Lawson says Trinity would never have fallen below 25, the price it was sold at when

offered to the general public. Soon after the Stock Exchange opened for business this morning, rumors about Mr. Lawson's financial standing were heard It was asserted that he had failed, where-

upon Mr. Lawson issued the following: In regard to the statement ingeniously invented in Boston by news gatherers, secretly sent to Chicago and industriously sent back to Boston and New York and there openly stated on the floor of the Exchange that I have failed or assigned I only say I have not failed or assigned, do not intend to and have no reason to, now or at any time.

"I do not deny I am losing money and losing it in 'chunks,' but I have it to lose, and when I get through will have enough money left to buy at their estimate and resell at mine those who are circulating the above statements, and still have some-

Mr. Lawson believes that big Wall Street men are after him because of the defiant stand he took in the matter of building a 90-foot sloop to compete for the honor of defending the America's Cup. He has said so time after time since the beginning of the raid upon Amaigamated, and coupled with the enemies he made through the Independence he thinks there is consider-able jealousy over the success of his stable

able jealousy over the success of his stable in the show ring.
"If there could be such a thing as 'gunning out' my holdings in horsee," said Mr. Lavson to night, "I really believe the price of such animals would be greatly reduced. They are shoeting at me from every direction, but they cannot get me to unload any of my espeer holdings if they continue the fight forever. I am in the geme to slav, and when I went into it I recognized that there were certain risks altached to that there were certain risks attached to such ventures and prepared to defend myself accordingly. Let them go it, they will find me at the old stand when the smoke

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When Amalgamated began to drop, New York people began to fake up all sorts of stories about the company, but, as I said the other night, unless Wall Street is foun-ded upon a volcano, Amalgamated is all

"Only two statements about the com-pany are true; first, that the dividend has been cut for reasons which the directors

been cut for reasons which the directors do not see fit to state at present, and secondly, that there is a slight falling off in the consumption of copper. Everything else is false.

4 "They haven't got me yet and they won't get me," said Mr. Lawson.

There is a feeling of insecurity and fear over the Amalgamated. That rival interests may have used the speculative market in the stock for purposes best known to themselves; that all may not be harmonious among the combine leaders; that the dividend may be reduced and price of copper may be cut—not from price of copper may be cut-not from actual copper market conditions so much actual copper market conditions so much as from speculative or manipulative con-siderations; that the whole business is a blind pool affair, a combine that capi-talized copper at the height of a boom and did not allow for reduction of demand abroad or possible competition at home— all these are among the unsettling factors which make men on the street recall both which make men on the street recall both the old "French syndicate" days of 1888-89 and the sugar and other trust upsets of

later years mas W. Lawson's Trinity Copper Company was launched in Boston with loud predictions, was put up to 41 early this year and was "pegged" by a pool at 25 for the last few months. Yesterday it broke to 20; to-day it fell to 10, closing

at 14. What the game is in Amalgamated is beyond the Street's power to guess, but, as always happens at such times, it infers the worst and acts accordingly. Thus far as-surances of solidity in the copper situation and of recovery in Amalgamated have not been justified by the market in Wall Street or in State street either. The situation is radically different from

that of two years ago this month, when a copper crash hurt Boston for a time. The banks are not staggering under a burden of copper shares and commission houses are carrying comparatively few.

The situation is well in hand and Boston's executative house is in good order.

ton's speculative house is in good order. But there is a sore feeling among investors. The men and women who hold Amalgamated, taken in exchange for Boston and Montana, are doing a great deal of thinking. There are copper stocks in Boston selling to-day at prices which discount 12 cents a pound copper, stocks which are invest-ment shares and can pay good dividends

ment shares and can pay good dividends at such a price.

CLEVELAND, Ohlo, Dec. 7.—Many Clevelanders have been squeezed by the slump in Amalgamated Copper and several goodsized fortunes have been lost. About 50,000 shares of copper stock are held in this city. Of this amount 20,000 shares are being carried on margins and 30,000 are held by investors.

The average price paid for the stock by the local men was 115 and the loss on

The average price paid for the stock by the local men was 115 and the loss on the local holdings will exceed a million and a half dollars. The majority of the local men who are holding the stock on margins are considered solid and they declare they will hold on to the stock as long as they have a cent left. One man who holds 4,000 shares has already expended \$180,000 to keep them.

STOLE FROM YALE STUDENTS.

Negro Sweep in Vanderbilt Dormitory Put Under Arrest.

HAVEN, Dec. 7 .- James Donnelly one of Yale's campus policemen, this afternoon arrested Garrison Chadwick, colored. of this city, aged 22 years, for stealing several hundred dollars' worth of property from the rooms of haif a dozen students in Vanderbilt Dormitory. Chadwick is one of the sweeps in the dormitory and had access to these apartments, occupied by

Capt. Gould of the Yale football squad, Johnny Hart and Edward Easton, both football men, are among those whose rooms were cared for by Chadwick. All these were cared for by Chaowick. All these students had been complaining for months of having lost silver cigarette cases, gold studs, diamond pins and champagne. Two days ago Policeman Donnelly put marked money in one student's room. This was found on Chadwick and a visit to his home revealed plunder that had been taken from the Yale boys. About \$500 worth of property has been stolen.

PROFIT OF SLOT MACHINES.

Mr. Bitchie of Cincinnati Says That Those

There Take In \$3,000,000 a Year. CINCINNATI, Dec. 7.-Melvilla Pitchie, Secretary of the Municipal Reform League, estimates that there are 8,440 penny-in-the slot machines in Cincinnati and that at least \$3,080,600 is placed in them every His estimates are based on reports made to him by agents who have been investigating the subject. Secretary

Placing the number of machines at the low average of four to a saloon, the total number of machines, according to statistics showing 1,700 saloons in the corporate limits of Cincinnati, is 6,800. Another low estimate on the amount taken in daily by each machine is \$1. At this rate, during the 365 days of a year it can be seen that the enormous amount of \$2,482,000 would pass through the saloon machines alone (lgar stands, drug stores and confectionery stores make up the total with their

New President of Maine University. AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 7 -It is learned from good authority that the man who has been selected as the new President of the Uni resity of Maine is Preston W Search Fellow in Clark University at Worcester

ney. Ohio ; Pueblo, Col ; Los Angeice, Cal.

Holyoke, Mass. A Mother To Mothers.

"I am the mother of five children." writes Mrs. S. E. Rose, of Big Otter, West Va., "and have been as high as eight days in the doctor's hands, and never less than two days with any child until the last. Then I had used two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and was only two hours in the hands of the doctor."

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TALK OF A KIND OF LEADERSHIP BUREAU WHEN HE RETIRES.

Gov. Odell Announces Dr. Henry's Appointment ac Adjutant-General -Inclination to Leave Excise Matters to the City and to Walt for the Courts as to Franchise Taxes-Appointments Foreshadowed.

Taking for granted that Gov. Odell is to e renominated the Republicans are looking for a sturdy candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, as Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff's friends, it is intimated, would not consent to his taking the nomination for a fourth time. They believe that Mr. Woodbuff should be groomed for Senator Platt's place in the United States Senate, if Mr. Platt does not desire reëlection. There has been a great deal of talk of late as to the position of many influential men in the party in this State. The Bidwell situation has complicated matters, and led to unhappy feelings. All interested in the welfare of the party, are now trying to prevent serious discord. Still, thousands of Republicans in the State are keeping their eyes wide open and their ears to the ground for the slightest indication as to which way they are to jump. Senator Platt and Gov Odell personally are on friendly terms, and will remain so, it was said yesterday. Certainly, it was added, no good could come if there was any serious difference at this time, for the reason that Senator Platt is greatly honored by the great army of Republicans in this State. It was the opinion yesterday that few Republicans, although they might differ with Senator Platt on one or two matters, would care to make a fight against him either in the State Committee or in the State Convention.

STATE REPURDICAN COUNCIL. A very eminent Republican, who has just returned from a long visit to President Roosevelt in Washington, said yesterday: "We hear all over the State of New York many things; of the ambitions of this and that man, but I am convinced that Senator Platt will be the leader of his party in this State as long as he lives, or as long as he cares to be the leader, and that if he desires reelection to the United States Senate he will certainly be reelected. Should Mr. Platt ever retire as the Republican leader his toga would not fall upon the shoulders of any one man. The leadership would become a patchwork affair, or a sort of Republican corporation with so many directors and so many trustees. With the events of the last two or three years it would not be possible for any man, except Mr. Platt, to be the Republican leader of the State of New York. A single leader savors too much of bossism, and that is out of the fashion nowadays, as you know, especcially in the Eastern States, with the possible exception of Pennsylvania. We all stand by Senator Platt, even those who differ with him on many minor matters, because of the great work that he has done for the Republican party in the State for the last forty years, and because of his personal integrity. His integrity is one of the strongest bulwarks of his leadership. If he should retire as leader, the party in the State would probably be controlled by a sort of council, which would include President Roosevelt, Gov. Odell, Col. Dunn,

President Roosever, Cov. Odell, Col. Punn, Chairman of the State Committee: Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, Mayor Low. State Super-intendent of Insurance Francis Hendricks, ex-Gov. Frank S. Black, National Commit-teeman Frederick S. Gibbs, Louis F. Payn, George W. Aldridge, William C. Warren, and the President of the New York County Committee County County Committee County Committee County County Committee County County Committee County County Committee County Committee. It cannot be said too emphatically that Senator Platt's toga will New York city district and will not take the place of Adjutant-General until Jan. 1. Gov Odell denied that he had made a statement credited to him in some of the newspapers that there would be no exlegislation at Albany this winter. attitude of the Governor and Senator Platt and all hands since election day has been

that proposed amendments to the Raines law sent to Albany will meet with careful consideration. FRANCHISE TAX AND EXCISE. Gov. Odell within the last twenty-four ours, while at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, has had many talks with Republicans, some of whom wished to speak to him concerning parts of his forthcoming message to the Legislature. It was said yesterday that the Governor will not suggest in his message anything in the shape of Franchise Tax legislation or excise legislation, the first, because the constitutionality of the so-called Ford Franchise Tax law is shortly to be passed upon by Referce Robert Earl, and then by the Appellate division of the first department, and finally by the Court of Agreeis the received because after the of Appeals, the second, because after the Governor's recent talks with President Rossevelt, Senator Platt, Mayor-elect Seth Low, and Col. John X. Partridge, the new Police Commissioner, it was practically decided that Mr. Lew and Col. Partridge should handle the excise question in New York city from their own standpoint Col. Partridge and Mr. Low have been

friends for many years, and Col. Partridge had the handling of the excise subject under Mr. Low when the latter was Mayor of Brook-There was no difficulty about getting adrink on Sunday then and the poli not allowed to disturb saloons where there

not allowed to disturb saloots where there was no open or flagrant violation of the peace of hunday homething like this policy, it was said yesterday, will be adopted by Col Partridge as the new Police Commissioner, and if an unpuritan interpretation of the Haines Liquor law is adopted in January and February, there must be no necessity for excise legislation at Albany this winter.

Col Partridge is to resign on Dec. 15 and Col Partridge is to resign on Dec. 15 as State Superintendent of Public Works in order to come to New York and tackle the order to come to New York and tackle the problems connected with his new office. Some sort of a Sunday Opening bill is now heing prepared by District Attenday-elect William Travers become and Justice decome has with him to this propesition the support of Bishop Potter of New York. Bishop Donne of Albany, and a mainteer of New York city clergymer. The rise is to have decent enlosin legality open a cortain hours in Builday it was said protoring that Justice decents and increase with a settle as the triangle will see to it that the bill is introduced at Albany, and without the nighteen used at Albacov and without the alightest suid the easies question will be a califon or basicod discussion at Albacov The legestabless jeneiere, including mension ofm Haines of Lumanda gray, have be per three age is a partial regression or gift to get three age is and it is said that they determined his fire-sais skill not desire to enter the galactical cortains of real year with said entering to the said state that they will said entering the said property of the said entering with the s a question of Republican justices

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PLATT'S MANTLE TO NO ONE MAN and Col. Dunn is very friendly to Col. Cole, and says that Col. Cole has made an exand says that Col. Cole has made an excellent railroad commissioner. Senator Platt has also said kind words of Col. Cole. The railroad employees of the State, representing 142 lodges, are to visit (iov. Odell at Albany on Dec. 18 and present the name of one of their number (or Railroad Commissioner to succeed either Col. Dunn or Col. Cole. The law says that one of the three Railroad commissioners "shall be experienced in railroad business." There is already one so experienced, namely, Frank M. Baker of Owego, whose term expires Feb. 3, 1903. He has always been a railroad man and came up from the ranks railroad man and came up from the ranks and it is possible that Gov. Cdell will tell and it is possible that Gov. Cdell will ten the visiting ledges of railroad employees that Mr. Baker is the representative of the railroad employees on the commission. It has been said a number of times that Capt. Joseph M. Dickey, now United Stetes Shipping Commissioner, was to be appointed a Railroad Commissioner to succeed Col. Cole. Capt. Dickey is looked upon as one of the closest advisers of the Governor in political and other neathers. However, political and other matters. However, as already said, nothing has been definitely decided as to Col. Cole's successor.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER; UNITED STATES MARSHAL. It was learned yesterday from Republicans who visited the Governor that Presient Roosevelt is very likely to appoint ohn McMackin, new State Labor Com-John McMackin, new State Labor Commissioner, to be Immigration Commissioner to succeed Thomas Fitchie of Brooklyn. President Rossevelt has always had a warm spot in his heart for Mr. McMackin, and Mr. McMackin and Senator Platt have been on the friendliest terms. Gov. Rossevelt appointed Mr. McMackin to be head of the old Commission of Labor Statistics and Gov. Odell appointed him to his present place when the labor bureaus were consolidated last winter. Joseph Murrav, the personal friend of President Rossevelt, will without doubt succeed Roosevelt, will without doubt succeed United States Marshal William Henkel, and eninent authorities say that George W. Whitehead is to succeed Wilbur F. Wakeman as Appraiser of the Port.

TANGLE ABOUT STATE COMPTROLLER. A great deal has been said all over the State of New York as to the possible successor of the Hon. Frastus C. Knight, Comptroller of the State, who must resign in order to take the office of Mayor of Buffalo on Jan. 1. The other day it became known that Gov. Odell thought of appointing Worthbuston C. Minor, the law partner orthington C. Minor, the law partner Analey Wilcox of Buffalo, in whose home of Ansley Wilcox of Buffalo, in whose home President Roosevelt took the oath of office a few hours after President McKinley died. Mr. Minor declined the place, and then the Buffalo folks brought forward the name of ex-Assemblyman Joseph L. Whittet, also a Buffalonian. Mr. Whittet was in the Assembly of 1894-95. But it turns out that Gov. Odell has not decided to appoint Mr. Whittet, that he would very much like to have the Hon. William C. Warren of Buffalo take the place, and that Mr. Warren does not desire to do so. If Mr. Warren does not take the place Gov. Odell may give the appointment lov. Odell may give the appointment on New York city. Senator Platt and a rest number of New York county Resulticans have asked Gov. Odell to promote Deputy Comptroller Theedore P.
Gilman of New York city, but the Governor
and some of his frierds have rather taken and some of his interest have rather taken the ground that Republican precedent has given Erie county the Comptrollership since 1893 when James A. Roberts was elected. He was succeeded by William J. Morgan, and on the death of Mr. liam J. Morgan, and on the death of Mr. Morgan Deputy Gilman was promoted until Mr. Knight was elected. It has been the purpose of some New York county Republicans to go into the next Republican State Convention and demand the nomination of Mr. Gilman for Comptreller. But it has become evident within the last few days that a number of New York county cans desire the nomination of Wil-K. Olcott for Attorney-General, Olcott's friends are pushing him Now York county cannot have both nominations, and this difficulty must be settled

Ex-Judge Neu Will Be County Clerk's

Counsel. County Clerk-elect Charles Hartzheim of Brooklyn appointed ex-Judge Jacob Neu yesterday as his counsel at a salary phatically that Senator Plats toga win never pass to any one man."

Gov. Odell, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday, confirmed an announcement made in THE SUN a short time ago, by appointing Dr. Nelson H. Henry to be Adjutant-General in place of the late Edward Morris Hoffman of Flmira. Dr. Henry is the Republican Assemblyman for the Fifth the Republican Assemblyman for the Fifth recent campaign. recent campaign.

Kings Democratic Majority Vanishing. The total party enrollments in Brooklyn on the four days of registration this year were: Republicans, 89,793; Demo rats, 91,375. In 1900 the figures were Republicans 86,087, Democrats, 101.447. Political statisticians, who have analyzed the figures by Election and Assembly districts, believe that the normal Democratic majority in Brooklyn of from 8,000 to \$10,000 has now almost dis-

Col. Partridge Didn't Find Mr. York In. Police Commissioner, called about noon vesterday at the Smith street Headquarters in Brooklyn for a talk with Deputy Com-missioner York. The latter had left the building a few minutes before and when all efforts to find him failed, Col. Partridge went away. He left word that he would call again in a few days.

To Work in the Latin Quarter of Paris. BRIDGETON, N. J., Dec. 7.—The Rev. Sylvester W. Bench, for fifteen years paster of the First Presbyterian Church ric among the 2,000 American students the Latin Quarter of Paris for the next or Paris on Dec. 18. His church has granted him six months' beave of absence and will have a supply for the pulpit.

Scannell Will Leave No Vacant John. Fire Commissioner Scannell proposes to appoint seventy-five new firemen before his term expires on Jan 1. The men are now being examined in squade by the depart-ment suggeon and are taking lessons in the d-partment school of instruction it was said at Fire Headquarters vesterday that the department was short-handed.

MISCHIEF MAKER.

A Surprise to Brookire

An adult's food that can save a baley proves itself to be nourselving and early digested and good for big and little folio-When hally was Brooklyn man gary thin and pair. This was, at first tributed to the heat and the fact that his teeth were coming but, in reality, the poor little thing was starving, his mother's One day after he had ersed bitterly for ac hour I suggested that my wife my him on timpe. Nate. Whe montred two tonepositfute in a entirer with a little cogar and warm size fixed a account which he likewise fittished information or against the late of the lat

BROOKS AND KLINE THE SLATE?

INSPECTOR SAYS DEVERY'S JOB HAS NOT BEEN OFFERED HIM.

Could Accept It Without Giving Up Although Mayor-elect Low and his Commissioner of Police, Col. John N. Partridge, said vesterday that they had not yet arrived at any decision as to the men whom

they intended to select for the offices of First and Second Deputy Commissioners of Police, it was reported on what was regarded as excellent authority that it had been about decided to appoint Inspector Nicholas Brooks of the Manhattan force as the First Deputy, and Col. Adolph L. Kline of the Fourteenth Regiment, of Brooklyn as the Second Deputy. It was declared that these men had been

fixed upon by Col. Partridge after a series consultations with the Mayor-elect, and that there was little doubt about their final selection. It was added that President Roosevelt, who, while a Police Commissioner under Mayor Strong, met and learned to like Brooks, had had something to do with his selection for this office. Mr. Roosevelt, as the President of the Strong Board, made Brooks first an acting inspector and then a full inspector and regarded him as one of the best men in the department. Col. Kline's selection was said several days ago to be assured.

Inspector Brooks, it was said, could be relieved of the necessity of leaving the uniformed force and giving up his pension by giving him an indefinite leave of absence without pay, during which he could accept any office. Several members of the force have been allowed to go to foreign countries to establish police forces, and one member of the force is now the head of the detective force in Manila and at the same time a Lieutenant in the United States Army. said several days ago to be assured.

It was argued yesterday that if a man could be allowed to go for duty of this kind, one could certainly be allowed to leave the uniformed ranks on leave to take a place under the Commissioner. Inspector Brooks now has command of the Second Inspection District, which includes the city south of Fourteenth street Second Inspection District, which includes all the city south of Fourteenth street and west of Broadway. The inspector said yesterday that he had not heard of any plan to appoint him, but that be would be glad of the honor if he could arrange to receive it without prejudice to his rights as a member of the uniformed force.

"It is all news to me," said the inspector. It has not received the post. "It is all news to me," said the inspector.
"I have not received any offer of the post.
As to whether I would accept it, all that I As to whether I would accept it, all that I can say is that if it is offered to me I will consider the matter very thoroughly."

Col. Kline has been in command of the Fourteenth Regiment of the National Guard since April 29, succeeding Col. B. M. Clayton, who resigned to take a commission as Captain in the Regular army. He had been the Lieutenant-Colonel for over five years, and a member of the regiment since

NOT A FREE FIELD FOR BELMONT. Richmond County Wants to Name Tam-

Richard Croker decreed a number of days ago that the Hon. Perry Belmont should be the candidate for Congress in the Seventh district which is made up of Richmond county, and the First and Third Assembly districts and part of the Second Assembly district of New York county. Mr. Belmont had served a term in Congress and was for a short time Minister to Spain under Mr.

Cleveland's Administration.

Mr. Belmont is a member of the Demo Mr. Beimont is a member of the Demo-cratic State Committee and lives in Suffolk county. Tammany leaders said last night that the voters of the Seventh Congress district had filed an objection against the nomination of Mr. Belmont, on the ground that he was not a resident of the Congress district, and they oppose his nomination on the ground, as they put it, of "locality." The Richmond county Democrats had a The Richmond county Democrats had a talk with Mr. Croker last night and advocated the nomination either of County Judge Thomas Fitzered Judge Thomas Fitzgerald, or Councilm Joseph F. O'Grady, Either Mr. Fi gerald or Mr. O'Grady, according to t gerald or Mr. O'Grady, according to the testimony given to Mr. Croker is worthy to be the Democratic candidate. As a matter of fact it should be said that if the friends of Mr. Belmont insist upon his necessarily produced by the Hon. Nichelas Muller might be lack-activities on election day.

adaisical on election day. SEVENTH DISTRICT ELECTION. Tammany Primaries Dec. 16 and Nom-

inating Convention Dec. 21. The Tammany Executive Committee met yesterday afternoon at the Fourteenth Col. John N. Partridge, who is to be street wigwam and decided on Dec. 16 as the date for the primaries in the Seventh Congress district for the election of delegates to the convention to nominate a candidate for Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Nicholas Muller of Richmond county. The primary in the First district will be held at 184 Hudson street, in the Second district at 69 Pearl-street and in the Third district at 36 Charlton street. The convention, which will include delegates from Richmond county, will be held at 1st Hudson street on Dec 21.

At the meeting in the Executive Committee Richard Croker made a little talk, in which he said that all of the Democrate, in the Congress district sught to turn out and support the ticket when the election and support the is held on Jan 7.

SHERIFF OF KINGS LOSES PLUMS.

Civil Service Board Springs Surprise by Helding Examination for Guards

Tie State Civil Service Commission held an examination in the Polytechnic limiding in Brooklyn yesterday for jail About twenty-five men took the guards examination, two-thirds of whom live in Brooklyn. The examination was a surprice to the keepers in the Kings county juil who were appointed under Sheriff Walton.
Nothing had been exid to them about their places, which have always been not-commentive being placed or the evil service.
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BOOM FOR FRANCIS, MISSOURI. in Extle Say He's Next

New York city is the spot for them all Politicians, business men, college graduates, eventually turn up in the metropolis of the United States. It will not be uninder an Indefinite Leave of Absence He interesting to name some of the societies which hold forth either at dinners or at smokers in New York city in the winter. There are the Albany Society, the Dutchess County Society, the Franklin County Society, the Georgia Society, the Jefferson County Society, the Maryland Society the Berkshire County Society and exactly 1,000 more. Last night, at the Hoffman House, the Missouri Society was organized. The officers elected were: President, Augustus Thomas; First Vice-President, H Fox; Second Vice-President, Hamilton M. Dawes; Treasurer, W. G. Tringle; Secretary, Benton Thompson, and chairman

> said: "This will be an event of peculiar interest to all Missourians in exile That famous Brooklynite, the Hon Joseph C. Hendrix, a native of Missouri, was one of the fifty guests at this first meeting of the Missouri Society. Mr. Hugh Corby Fox is also one of the great men of this society and all had a pleasant

of the Board of Trustees, Harry W. Walker.

The invitations to meet these gentlemen

time last night.

Two or three political Philistines said that there was a political significance to the organization of the Missouri Society at this time. It is well known that ex-Gov. David R. Francis of Missouri, the Chief Magistrate of that State in 1888, and Secre-tary of the Interior in Cleveland's second Cabinet for six months (he succeeded Massive Hoke Smith of Georgia), has become a little tired of the domination in Missouri Democratic politics of the Hon. "Gumshoe" Bill Stone and the Hon. George Graham Vest, who as a United States Senator goes out in about a year. Senator Vest's health has not been good for some time, although Senator Vest has written a letter saying that he does not desire to be reflected.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Vest and Mr. Stone and their friends are a little behind the lighthouse in Missouri Democratic politics at the moment, and Mr. Francis, the representative of the conservative Democrats, is coming to the front, and no a few of the Missourians at last night's affair said without doubt that Mr. Francis would be the United States Senator to suc-

would be the United States Senator to succeed Mr. Vest.
You see, St. Louis is to have a great fair in 1904, and got \$5,000,000 from Congress, and St. Louis has become a strong business centre, and its citizens have no sympathy with the Bryan business or Vest or Stone. Ex-Gov. Francis, of course, is a low-tariff, sound-money man
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Missouri has never been anything but a Democratic State. In 1896 Chairman Hanna of the Republican National Committee and his advisers believed that Missouri could be turned over to the Republicans. Chairman Hanna turned on the steam in Missouri, and lost the State by nearly 60,000, and the result on election day in that campaign seemed to support the old statement: "Stir up the Democrats of Missouri, make them fight and you turn out a greater Democratic majority."

All this is prefatory to the statement that the Missouri Society organized last night at the Hoffman House had a fine time and Harry Walker had but one regret, that the Hon. "Gumshoe" Bill was not there to partake with him of pigs' feet and apricot brandy.

apricot brandy. OUR DELEGATES OF NO HELP. Hampered by Their Instructions at the

Pan-American Conference. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 7 .- The week's proedings have convinced those who really able; desire to see the Pan-American Conference achieve results worth naming that radical changes in the procedure are necessary At yesterday's meeting the American and Mexican delegates suggested several changes that may result in holding five sessions a week after next week. It was also suggested that the sessions open promptly instead of half an hour or more late. The most radical change proposed was an amended rule enabling the conference to act on proposed amendments to the committee reports without further reference. Under the present rules, whenever an amendment is proposed the President immediately refers the whole matter back to the committee. This makes it possible to filibuster till doemsday if desired. The President has also permitted much irrelevant discussion, which probably will stop hereafter.

One incident of yesterday's session learly showed the anomalous position of the American delegates. In discussing the report of the committee on learned professions Sener Alvarez Calderon asked whether the United States delegation would sign the report if it was passed, saying that if they would not it was useless to proceed further with the report. This is a clear indication of how our delegates are regarded and yet their instructions require them to keep a back seat, never to take the lead. and always to try to get out the other fellows' schemes without proposing any of their own. This attitude fools pobody. Except delegate in the conference undertands the situation thoroughly and all are demanding a definite statement as to the United ates' position on tale or that proposition but are getting nothing. They are now beginning to talk and want to know why the United States sent men here they could not trust as delegates, why they sent any delegates if it was merely wanted to consider what others had agreed on. That could be done at Washington.

These inclusions had agreed on they prevent any possible solution of the vexed problems by our initiative. One south American, discussing the satuation this afternoon, said that, suppose an American delegate had a acheine of aristration which was practically certain of the suppost of the whole conference, he would be unsaid the present it under me instructions. and always to try to get out the other fel-

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